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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-20,22,24 and 28-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-20,22,24,28-50 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Election/Restriction

1. After further consideration, in view of Applicant's amendment, the election to one of the following invention is deemed necessary for the better examination of the instant application.

2. This application discloses the following patentably distinct species and contains claims directed to various patentably distinct species: the eighty-four species identified as,

(1) Fig. 2 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

(2) Fig. 2 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(3) Fig. 2 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(4) Fig. 2 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

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(5) Fig. 2 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(6) Fig. 2 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(7) Fig. 2 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

(8) Fig. 2 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(9) Fig. 2 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(10) Fig. 2 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

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(11) Fig. 2 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(12) Fig. 2 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(13) Fig. 8 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

(14) Fig. 8 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(15) Fig. 8 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(16) Fig. 8 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

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(17) Fig. 8 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(18) Fig. 8 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(19) Fig. 8 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

(20) Fig. 8 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(21) Fig. 8 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(22) Fig. 8 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

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(23) Fig. 8 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(24) Fig. 8 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(25) Fig. 9 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

(26) Fig. 9 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(27) Fig. 9 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(28) Fig. 9 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

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(29) Fig. 9 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(30) Fig. 9 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(31) Fig. 9 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

(32) Fig. 9 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(33) Fig. 9 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(34) Fig. 9 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

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(35) Fig. 9 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(36) Fig. 9 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(37) Fig. 10 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

(38) Fig. 10 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(39) Fig. 10 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(40) Fig. 10 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

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(41) Fig. 10 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(42) Fig. 10 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(43) Fig. 10 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

(44) Fig. 10 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(45) Fig. 10 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(46) Fig. 10 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

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(47) Fig. 10 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(48) Fig. 10 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(49) Fig. 11 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

(50) Fig. 11 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(51) Fig. 11 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(52) Fig. 11 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

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(53) Fig. 11 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(54) Fig. 11 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(55) Fig. 11 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

(56) Fig. 11 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(57) Fig. 11 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(58) Fig. 11 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

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(59) Fig. 11 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(60) Fig. 11 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(61) Fig. 12 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

(62) Fig. 12 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(63) Fig. 12 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(64) Fig. 12 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

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(65) Fig. 12 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(66) Fig. 12 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(67) Fig. 12 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

(68) Fig. 12 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(69) Fig. 12 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(70) Fig. 12 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

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(71) Fig. 12 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(72) Fig. 12 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(73) Fig. 13 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

(74) Fig. 13 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(75) Fig. 13 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(76) Fig. 13 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

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(77) Fig. 13 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(78) Fig. 13 having an electronic note generation device based on information representing a certain excess amount, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(79) Fig. 13 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

(80) Fig. 13 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium based on separation information;

(81) Fig. 13 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device having means for calculating an excess amount, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

(82) Fig. 13 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on information representing a certain excess amount;

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(83) Fig. 13 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium based on separation information; and

(84) Fig. 13 having an electronic note generation device based on separation information, a contract device based on separation information, and a recording medium handling an amount obtained by subtracting;

3. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claim is generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to

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be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hyung S. Souh whose telephone number is (703) 308-0505. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, The Examiner's Supervisor, James P. Trammell, can be reached on (703) 305-9768.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0956. The Group Fax numbers are (703) 746-7238 for After-final, (703) 746-7239 for Official, and (703) 746-7240 for Non-Official/Draft.


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